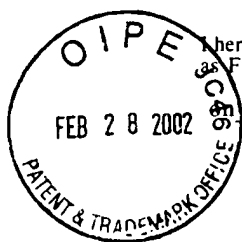


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In response to the office action dated November 1, 2001
please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Cancel all of the claims in this application and the following
claims:

19. Apparatus for introducing granular mold flux onto the top of
a slab being cast within a continuous casting mold; the apparatus
comprising:

a source of granular mold flux;

an intermediate hopper which receives granular mold flux
from the source;

one or more delivery tube assemblies interconnected with the
intermediate hopper for feeding of the granular mold

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